

SENATE RESOLUTION 121

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joy Mae Oliver of
Henderson.

WHEREAS, the members of this body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of
Joy Mae Oliver; and

WHEREAS, Joy Oliver was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Chester County on April 28, 1944, Joy Oliver was the daughter of
George Atlas Newman, Sr., and Gladys Mae Akin Newman; she graduated from Chester
County High School in 1962; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1980s, she began working in the Chester County School
System; she worked at Chester County High School, East Chester Elementary, and Chester
County Middle School, where she remained until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, she served in various roles, including teacher's aide,
school cashier, and office secretary; she also worked in ticket sales at county-wide athletic
events; and

WHEREAS, a caring individual who was beloved by many, Mrs. Oliver was well known
amongst her community as someone who could make anyone feel special and important; and

WHEREAS, a woman of faith, Mrs. Oliver was an active and devout member of the Cave
Springs Baptist Church; always willing to lend a helping hand, she could be found serving food,
helping with Vacation Bible School, and attending all events and services at the church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Oliver was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored
to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Joy Mae Oliver enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Aubrey Lee "Pud" Oliver, Jr.; she was the proud mother of Terry Oliver, Jeremy Oliver, Craig Oliver, and Greg Oliver and the loving grandmother of Dillon Oliver, Blake Oliver, Ty Oliver, Haley Oliver, Sarah Oliver, Tana Oliver, and Camper Oliver; and

WHEREAS, she is further survived by two brothers, George Newman, Jr., and Guy Newman, and her twin sister, Joyce Rae Beshires; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Billy Faye Newman; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Oliver leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Joy Mae Oliver, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Oliver.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.